

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT— STATE BUILDING COMMISSION

H. J. R. No. 15

Proposing a constitutional amendment reconstituting the State Building Commission as a three-member appointive commission.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article III, Section 51-b, Subsection (a), Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"(a) The State Building Commission is created and succeeds to the powers and duties heretofore vested in the agency of the same name by this Constitution and to the powers and duties the Legislature has vested or may vest in the Commission. Its membership shall consist of three Texas citizens appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The term of each member shall be six years except in the first appointments to the Commission the Governor shall appoint one member for two years, one for four years, one for six years, and thereafter one member biennially. The Governor shall biennially designate one member as Chairman. Vacancies in the Commission shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the unexpired term. The provisions of this paragraph shall be self-enacting."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1970, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment reconstituting the State Building Commission as a three-member appointive commission."

Adopted by the House on May 13, 1969: Yeas 136, Nays 1; passed by the Senate on May 31, 1969: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Signed by the Governor, June 4, 1969.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS—CONSOLIDATION OF GOVERN- MENTAL OFFICES AND FUNCTIONS

H. J. R. No. 22

Proposing an amendment to Subsection (a), Section 64, Article III, of the Texas Constitution, to provide for consolidating offices and functions of government by Act of the Legislature and for performance of governmental functions by contract between political subdivisions in any county.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Subsection (a), Section 64, Article III, of the Texas Constitution, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 64. (a) The Legislature may by special statute provide for consolidation of governmental offices and functions of government of any

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one or more political subdivisions comprising or located within any county. Any such statute shall require an election to be held within the political subdivisions affected thereby with approval by a majority of the voters in each of these subdivisions, under such terms and conditions as the Legislature may require."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1970, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for consolidating governmental offices and functions and allowing political subdivisions to contract for performance of governmental functions in any county."

Adopted by the House on April 29, 1969: Yeas 138, Nays 3; passed by the Senate on May 24, 1969: Yeas 25, Nays 3.

Signed by the Governor June 18, 1969.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—COUNTIES— ROAD BONDS

H. J. R. No. 28

Proposing an amendment to Section 52, Article III, Constitution of the State of Texas, to authorize any county, on the vote of a majority of qualified property taxpaying electors, to issue road bonds in an amount not to exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property in the county.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 52, Article III, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 52. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, the Legislature shall have no power to authorize any county, city, town or other political corporation or subdivision of the State to lend its credit or to grant public money or thing of value in aid of, or to any individual, association or corporation whatsoever, or to become a stockholder in such corporation, association or company.

"(b) Under Legislative provision, any county, any political subdivision of a county, any number of adjoining counties, or any political subdivision of the State, or any defined district now or hereafter to be described and defined within the State of Texas, and which may or may not include, towns, villages or municipal corporations, upon a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident property taxpayers voting thereon who are qualified electors of such district or territory to be affected thereby, in addition to all other debts, may issue bonds or otherwise lend its credit in any amount not to exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such district or territory, except that the total bonded indebtedness of any city or town shall never exceed the limits imposed by other provisions of this Constitution, and levy and collect taxes to pay the interest thereon and provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof,